

Attorney Docket No. 98086PCTUS
Application Serial No. 09/762,555

DRAWING AMENDMENT

Please replace the original Figure 5 with the attached Replacement Sheet.
Applicant submits that there are no substantive changes between the version of
Figure 5 currently on file with the Office and the attached Replacement Sheet.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

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Applicant respectfully requests entry of the Instant Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. At the outset, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephone conference of July 19, 2007 and the Examiner's ensuing fax enclosing an initialed copy of the Information Disclosure Statement filed by the Applicant on August 13, 2001 as well as copies of the drawings currently on file in the case.

Drawing Amendment

Applicant presents herewith a replacement for Figure 5. Applicant intends for the replacement Figure 5 to substitute for the version of Figure 5 included with the Examiner's fax of July 19, 2007. Applicant submits that no substantive changes have been made. Please include this replacement sheet when the application issues.

Specification Amendment

The purpose of the Specification Amendment is to perfect Applicant's priority claim to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/096,535, filed on August 13, 1998 as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(A)(5). Applicant submits that this amendment is timely because the instant application is a nonprovisional application which entered the national stage after compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 371 from international application PCT/US99/18538, which was filed on August 13, 1999. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(A)(5)(ii), ("The time periods in this paragraph do not apply if the later-filed

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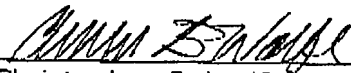
application is . . . (B) A nonprovisional application which entered the national stage after compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371 from an International application filed under 35 U.S.C. 363 before November 29, 2000.”).

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests that this amendment be entered. The amendment is to perfect Applicant's priority claim, as explained above. Applicant submits that no additional search or examination is required. If the Examiner is of the opinion that the present amendment should not be entered, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number listed. Please charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 11-1110.

Respectfully submitted,

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